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FOLLOWING REPEAT SEOUL SENT ACTION SECSTATE 231010Z MAY 7.

QUOTE: S E C R E T SEOUL 3968

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EO 11652: GDS
TAGS: OTRA, KS, US
SUBJECT: CONSULTATIONS WITH ROKG ON TROOP WITHDRAWAL

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1. SINCE WE HAD HAD LITTLE FURTHER WORD ABOUT SCHEDULING OR
OTHER QUESTIONS POSED REF A, WHICH WE PUT TO CHOI KWAN-SOON
MAY 9, POLCOUNS TELEPHONED CHOI MAY 12. CHOI HAD LITTLE TO
REPORT; DECISIONS HAD NOT BEEN MADE HE SAID AND IT MIGHT BE
MIDDLE OF NEXT WEEK BEFORE HE COULD GET BACK TO US WITH FIRM
PROPOSALS. HE DID OFFER THAT TENTATIVELY HE HAD DECIDED
THAT FIRST MEETING WITH PRESIDENT PARK WOULD BE 10:30 A.M.,
WEDNESDAY, MAY 25 AND THAT SECOND AND FINAL MEETING MIGHT
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TAKE PLACE MORNING OF MAY 27. MAJOR GEN. SOHN, WHO ON
VISIT WORKING GROUP, TELLS US INFORMALLY THAT ROKS ALSO
CONSIDERING MEETINGS INVOLVING BOTH MINISTERS OF DEFENSE
AND FOREIGN AFFAIRS.

2. FOREIGN MINISTRY, WHICH HANDLING PRESS ASPECTS, HAS
ALSO TOLD US ROKS OPPOSE JOINT STATEMENT OF ANY KIND

BEFORE DEPARTURE BUT WOULD NOT OPPOSE SIMPLE ARRIVAL-
DEPARTURE STATEMENTS BY OUR SIDE MAKINGS POINTS PARA 2C,
REF A. MOFA STRESSED AT SAME TIME THAT ROKS WISH KEEP
VISIT LOW KEY. OUR OWN VIEW IS THAT VISIT BOUND TO
ATTRACT VERY HIGH LEVEL ATTENTION HERE AND STATEMENTS AND
BRIEF PRESS CONFERENCE PROPOSALS AS OUTLINED REF A NECESSARY
UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES TO ABSORB THIS INTEREST.

3. QUESTION HAS BEEN RAISED ABOUT POSSIBILITY OF UNDER-
SECRETARY APPEARING IN SOME PUBLIC FORUM (E.G. ADDRESS TO
KOREAN-AMERICAN ASSOCIATION, TV APPEADANCE). WENBELIEVE
THAT REF A PROGRAM JUST ABOUT RIGHT, BUT WOULD APPRECIATE
UNDERSECRETARY'S COMMENTS.

4. WE WILL REPORT FURTHER ON SCHEDULE AND OTHER QUESTIONS
POSED REF A AS SOON AS CHOI GETS BACK TO US.

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